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APPLICANT: Thiele, et al. ART UNIT: 1642  
SERIAL NO: 09/318,080 EXAMINER: Nickol, G.  
FILED: May 25, 1999  
TITLE: NOVEL ACETALDEHYDE AND MALONDIALDEHYDE PROTEIN  
ADDUCTS AS MARKERS FOR ALCOHOL LIVER DISEASE

**ELECTION OF SPECIES**

(Under U.S.C. § 121)

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action dated October 13, 2000,  
Applicant respectfully requests that the following comments be  
entered and made of record.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner notes that the application contains claims  
directed to patentably distinct species of the claimed  
invention, namely lower C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group, benzyl, or  
hydrogen. The Examiner requests that Applicant under U.S.C. §  
121 elect a single disclosed species for prosecution with the  
consideration that claim 23, which is generic, will be

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